

C.C.M.O. WAREHOUSES, SHOPS ON MADRONA AVE. SOLD TO CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO.

Purchase by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. of the Torrance warehouses and shops of the Chansior-Canfield Midway Oil Co., on Madrona ave. at Carson st., has been consummated, it was announced today.

The property, comprising warehouses, tool shops, open storage and considerable spur trackage spread over an area of approximately five acres, will become the principal warehouse of Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., it was said.

The C.C.M.O. camp and other facilities and holdings of the company were not included in the deal.

Possession has not passed to the new buyer, but it is said that quick action will be necessary to assume control due to the fact that the plant will be needed to warehouse equipment and tools from Chicago Bridge & Iron's Eureka shipbuilding plant which will be dismantled, starting within a few weeks.

The present Chicago Bridge plant is located in the Los Angeles shoeing strip at Carson st. and Normandie ave. It consists of slightly more than one acre of ground and covered warehouses. This property was purchased in 1937 by Harry Green, Torrance superintendent for Chicago Bridge, and sold to the company.

The firm has a contract for a part of the expansion of General Petroleum Corp. refinery in Torrance.

The transaction just completed has been in the process of negotiation for many months.

Local Man Injured In Motor Spill

Lowell Warnecke, employee of the Central Garage in Torrance, was confined in the Torrance Memorial hospital as the result of a motorcycle accident Monday on Torrance Blvd.

Warnecke, driver of the motorcycle, said that he had swerved to miss a car driven by Vickie Balch when the accident occurred. Losing control of the motor, he was thrown to the pavement. Both drivers said that their vehicles had been obstructed by a truck loading at a nearby market.

Deputy County Clerk In Plea For Jurors

Mrs. Lillian Allen, Justice court clerk of the Inglewood township, requests that publicity be given the court's need for jurors for the court. Mrs. Allen, who was recently appointed deputy county clerk, explained that prospective jurors are becoming scarce in this area despite a recent increase in pay to \$3.00 per day, plus car mileage.

Persons desiring to assist in the interest of justice may contact Mrs. Allen at the Justice court, corner of 166th st. and Western ave. All information regarding jury duty can be obtained in Mrs. Allen's office.

Strip Merchants Must File For New Licenses

Los Angeles business licenses are due this month and next. Quarterly licenses must be paid by Jan. 31, and annual and semi-annual ones by Feb. 28.

The licenses are being issued by James Lanyon, deputy collector, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Mondays through Fridays at the city clerk's office in the city hall in San Pedro. After the February deadline, Lanyon will only issue licenses there Monday mornings.

For annual and semi-annual fees not paid in time, a 10 per cent fine will be levied the first month, and 5 per cent each month thereafter up to 50 per cent. For unpaid semi-annual licenses there will be a monthly 5 per cent penalty.

Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau Records. Table with columns for Month, Minimum, Maximum, and other weather statistics for January.

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Bohn Plant Reported Leased

Harvey Machine Co., well-known Long Beach firm, has leased the Bohn Plant Corp. building at 190th and Western ave., operated during the war by the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co., it was revealed this week.

While definite announcement has not been made by either the Harvey company nor the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, officials of the Harvey firm admitted that the lease had been consummated, and are said to be hiring men for operation of the new plant.

The city had \$35,000 in bonds outstanding at June 30, 1944, the latest date for which statewide information is available, the association said. Interest and redemption payments by the city for that year totaled \$6,219.

Over the state as a whole, California cities sold \$666,345,733 in bonds during the thirty years 1914-15 through 1943-44. Water was the biggest single purpose for which California municipalities sold bonds: \$228,927,574 during the thirty years.

Lew Guild Plans Rest After Sale Of Newspaper

Following purchase of the 42-year-old Gardena Valley News from Lew Guild, editor and publisher since 1928, Amos M. Dow, advertising manager of the publication, took possession this week.

Dow, World War I veteran, formerly published the Goldfield News in Nevada, where he served as a member of the legislature.

Guild will return to the editorial staff of the newly transferred newspaper after a vacation.

Zoning Changes Asked in Hearings at City Hall

Zoning variances were recommended by the Torrance City Planning Commission Tuesday evening to permit, (subject to certain conditions), the use of the property at 316 Arlington ave. for the operation of an aluminum and metal foundry; and the use of property at 18181 Western ave. by K. P. Clausen for repair of farm implements providing the present building on the property is repaired to conform to the city building ordinance.

In a prolonged session, the Planning Commission also held preliminary hearings on a number of proposed zoning setbacks on alleys in the central business district. A request by the Chansior-Canfield Midway Oil Company for re-zoning of property fronting on the south side of Carson st. between Grenshaw and Oak st. to permit its use for expansion of the Ideco plant was also considered. No recommendations on these matters will be made until after the second hearings on Jan. 29.

County Taxicabs Now Governed By New Ordinance

Henceforth, taxicab service in Lomita and other unincorporated territory in Los Angeles County will be governed by an ordinance adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.

The ordinance requires that hereafter the schedules of rates be posted in each taxicab. Taxicab license fees were unchanged, \$25 a year for each cab, and a \$10 a year for each cab.

The juke box, which has been operating license free in county territory, now must pay a license of \$12 a year.

Pin ball machines licenses were raised from \$12 to \$24 a year. Junk dealers' licenses were raised from \$24 to \$100, while auto wreckers' licenses were raised from \$25 to \$50.

THIRTY-TWO SENIORS TO GRADUATE FROM TORRANCE HIGH IN RITES THURSDAY

Thirty-two seniors of Torrance High School Winter 1946 class will receive their diplomas in exercises to be held Thursday evening in the high school auditorium, Principal Harold E. Perry announced yesterday.

There are six members of the class in the Armed Forces. Baccalaureate services will be held in First Christian church on Sunday morning when the Rev. Ronald Memmair will deliver a sermon on the subject, "The Importance of a True Life Focus."

The commencement program is as follows: Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," Edward Elgar, orchestra and mixed choir.

"Recessional," De Koven, orchestra and senior male quartet, Gerald Godard, Dallas Martin, Daniel Moon, Ralph Prime. Salute to Flag, John Hill. Star Spangled Banner, orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. Ruckman. Speakers, topic: "World Friendship," Ramona Johnston, Gerald Godard, William Rogers, John Hill, Frank Dominguez, Daniel Moon, Jim Standifer, Robert O'Gain, Madeline Ban, Ralph Prime and George Poh.

"Beautiful Savior," Christiansen, mixed chorus. Tribute to Service Men, Donnie Cooke. Presentation of the Class Gift, George Poh. Presentation of the Class, John Hill.

Awarding of Diplomas, Principal Perry, and Miss Elizabeth Parks. Alma Mater by the Class. Candidates for graduation are: "Leland Bender, Eddie C. Bernasconi, Ray Walter Brady, Dornie E. Cooke, Bill J. Dietlin, Odell M. Dobbins, Frank G. Dominguez, Gerald E. Godard, Jean Goebel, John F. Hill, Wayne W. Hovis, Thomas W. King, Dallas A. Martin, Daniel E. Moon, Robert S. O'Gain, George C. Poh, Ralph B. Prime, William I. Rogers, Gordon B. Smith, Jack C. Smith, Jim B. Standifer, Robert W. Thomas, Robert C. Warning, Jerald E. Weeks, Madeline J. Ban, Lucy Lee DeGoche, Jennie DePasse, M. Jeannette Farquhar, Betty L. Hansen, Ramona A. Johnston, Dolores F. Perez, Barbara Jean Smith.

"In the Service."

Fire Causes \$1000 Damage To Local Cafe

A fire originating shortly after midnight Jan. 13, in the Deep Sand Cafe, 2319 Narbonne ave., brought local firemen to the scene where they battled for more than an hour to bring it under control.

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster said that an estimated \$1,000 in damage was caused to fixtures and interior within the cafe. Cause of the fire was said to be unknown. The cafe is operated by E. M. Whelan and his wife, Mary.

Fire Destroys Property Of Local Resident

A chicken house and storage shed valued at \$1,000 was destroyed by fire Jan. 10 at 2413 Andrea ave. G. W. Black, 2416 Gramercy ave., owner of the property, said that no poultry was involved in the fire. A box of matches set off by rats was believed to have caused the blaze.

AMERICAN LEGION

Commander James Brodie, of Bert S. Crossland post, the American Legion, has sent out a call for all members to attend the next post meeting, Jan. 27, to discuss important business. "Bring a new member," Brodie urged.

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Driver Slugged, Taxi Cab Stolen By Passengers

John J. Mass, driver employed by the Santa Monica Cab Co. was slugged Friday by two unidentified sailors who stole his cab, he reported to police. The assault and theft took place on 101 highway near Hawthorne Blvd.

Mass said that he picked up the sailors in Santa Monica for a trip to Seal Beach.

One of the pair had taken the back seat and was believed by Mass to have been asleep when the sailor seated beside him suddenly informed him: "This is a stick-up, so stop the car."

The sailor backed the order up with a gun, Mass said. He reported that after stopping the car he was slugged with a sap. Only partly conscious, he was dragged from the car to a nearby field where he was slugged again. Severely stunned, Mass stated to police, he played "possum" while his assailant stood over him.

The sailor returned to the taxi and, according to Mass, drove off. A sailor cap was found by police near the scene with the name "F. L. Johnson" stenciled on it. The car later was recovered in Wilmington by police.

Mass was taken to a Santa Monica hospital.

WATER DISTRICT FORMED BY VOTE OF RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST TORRANCE

Water was assured to Southwest Torrance Tuesday when the voters of the area decided to form a municipal water district and voted to bond themselves to the extent of \$150,000 to pay for a system of pipe lines and mains to serve the area.

The vote was 107, yes, and 45, no, far exceeding the necessary two-thirds majority.

The voting took place in the WALTERIA fire station, with Ethel K. Derouin acting as clerk, Nora E. Venable, judge, and Lenore F. Gemoets as inspector.

Area covered by the district is all that territory within the City of Torrance south of Sepulveda Blvd. and west of Grenshaw Blvd., except Hollywood Riviera.

The City Council at its next meeting will canvass the ballots, decide the district formed, and proceed with the task of assuring development of the area by planning and building a water system which will allow for considerable residential expansion.

The district will use Metropolitan Water District water imported either through a main to be constructed from 240th and Oak st., Lomita, or through a lease-arrangement with Palos Verdes Water Co. Leasing the Palos Verdes main would give the district more water, higher pressure, permit serving of some 800 more acres of land than possible under the other plan, and provide some \$40,000 to be used in expanding the system in the district.

The training school will include Willis Wutler, Cleveland scout, and Marty Medkovich, manager of the Bakersfield nine. The trio will look over baseball talent for four days here, and then move to San Diego from Jan. 23 until Jan. 26.

All Southern California players interested in trying out at the school will be given a fair chance, Engel stated. They are asked to bring their own equipment, and if signed to a contract they will receive a refund of any expenses involved. Tryouts will be held 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. at the Torrance city park.

California Cities League Meeting Here

Torrance and Redondo Beach will play hosts tonight to the Los Angeles County division of the California League of Cities. The organization is holding its monthly meeting in the Civic Auditorium.

A. W. Rawn, chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, will speak and entertain will be by the Glee Gaiters trio.

Mayor Clyde Marsh of Redondo Beach will give the address of welcome and Mayor W. H. Tolson of Torrance will introduce his official family.

FACULTY MEMBER ILL. Mrs. Helen Kappe, junior clerk of Torrance high school has taken a six weeks illness leave. She was said to have undergone a minor operation recently.

BARTLETT WINS RIGHT TO HOLD PURCHASING AGENT'S JOB UNDER COURT DECISION

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett legally holds the appointment of the City Council as purchasing agent, under a decision rendered by the Superior court last week.

The court ruled for Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriett V. Leech in the suit brought by Howard P. Raymond, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, to restrain Bartlett from receiving and Miss Leech from paying the salary of purchasing agent, \$50 per month, to Bartlett.

The cause of action alleged that the elective office of city clerk could not be utilized in the additional capacity of purchasing agent, although from time to time for many years the city clerk has held both offices.

Bartlett, who has served continuously as city clerk of Torrance since 1922, this week announced his candidacy for reelection, and his friends, strong in their support of his position in the lawsuit just decided, are rallying to his side in his campaign to serve the people of Torrance for a sixth term. He is only city clerk Torrance ever has had except for Robert J. DeIninger, who was clerk for one year following incorporation in 1921.

The powers and duties of purchasing agent were taken from Bartlett by the City Council almost two years ago, and they were given to City Engineer G. M. Jain. Bartlett held the dual position of city clerk and purchasing agent for many years.

The council about a year ago reversed its decision and decided that the job of purchasing agent should be handled by Bartlett, to expedite purchasing and control of funds and payment for purchases.

Councilman G. V. Powell objected to the change and threatened suit against the city if the change was made. The protest failed, however, and Bartlett took over the duties of purchasing agent which Jain said that he did not have time to handle.

The Civil Service Commission, as then constituted, also entered the controversy and asked that \$200 be allowed to make a study of the legal questions involved in the controversy.

The money was allowed, and filing suit against it followed within a few weeks.

Members of the council have said that they will demand accounting of the use of the \$200, declaring that the funds could not legally be used to sue the city.

While the decision of the court in favor of Bartlett and Miss Leech constitutes an interpretation of the law in this matter, the judgment is subject to appeal or application for a new trial, it was said.

Miss Yarnum In Charge Of Health Class

Miss Lavina Yarnum, public health nurse in the Torrance health district will have charge of the Expectant Mothers' classes held each Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the health center, 2300 Carson ave., following the resignation of Miss Clara Barrows.

Miss Yarnum has had wide experience in teaching health subjects, having served as instructor for the Red Cross home nursing classes in Long Beach during the war. She graduated from UCLA, receiving a certificate of merit along with her P.H.N. degree.

Making of kayettes, care of the new born baby, and nutrition, are subjects covered in the courses. Prospective mothers may register in any class and continue until the entire series has been covered.

New Principal Reported For Fern Avenue

Fern Avenue elementary school has a new principal, Mrs. Helen W. Salisbury, who succeeded Miss Mary C. Waddell. The transfer was made Jan. 2. Mrs. Salisbury is making her home at 1225 Fern ave.

She formerly was with the Franklin elementary school in Los Angeles, and had served as assistant supervisor for the Los Angeles Area Child Care Centers.

WATER WELL. On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting set Wednesday, Feb. 13, for receiving bids on the drilling of a 14-inch water well to a depth of approximately 600 feet for Water Works No. 13, in Lomita.



AUDIENCES HISS . . . The villain has the upper hand now, but handsome Harry is on his way to trash the culprit to within an inch of his wicked life. The above scene was taken from the old time stage show, "Only An Orphan Girl" which will be presented by the Torrance American Legion in the High school Auditorium Friday night.